

A joyful statement coming from a ten-year-old with behavior concerns in school. This is what he said after learning how to ride a bike. The successful event took place on a field trip, which took inner city kids on a trek to ride bikes on a wood lined trail in Orange, CT.

“That was the greatest day in my life”

The response of a 15-year-old who was sponsored to go on a college tour when asked “how did you enjoy the tour?”.

The young man dreams of attending Howard University. His dream came a bit closer after walking on the campus during a guided tour, with him being funded to go by sponsorship of the Buddy Jordan Foundation.

This moment provided inspiration for this young male who is working hard to improve his grades in high school. This young male due to circumstances does not live in a home with his biological parents.

These are just two accounts of reactions of young individuals whose lives have been impacted by the installment of the gun violence bill. This Bill has granted them an opportunity to experience a life that will support their simple way of living in a non-violent way.

In no small manner funding and support from the Gun Violence Bill helps deter an individual from a lifestyle that may bring them into a compromising situation, a situation that may unfortunately have a soul falling through the cracks. Our individual youths are finding themselves engaging in a world that’s entwined with gun violence. On too many occasions we find them with a dreadful case of wielding a gun in a wrongful manner or being a victim of a gun being discharged upon them in a deviant behavior act.

The Buddy Jordan Foundation has witnessed firsthand the hope that this Bill has justified its purpose upon on countless occasions. My hope that there may be a continued path to lead these inner-city kids to stations in life that will empower them to believe in their goals that will make them proud contributors to society. Hopefully, Gun Violence Bill SB477, will allow them to experience more firsts as they come upon that ladder that leads to success and they may be confident the rightful way to get to the top is by peace not by violence.

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